

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY MATTHEW.

LESSON X. JESUS AND THE SABBATH.

[March 6.]

GOLDEN TEXT. The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. Matt. 12. 8.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

Matt. 12. 1-13. [*Commit to memory verses 10-13.*]
[Read Matt. 12, and compare Mark 2. 23-28, and Luke 6. 1-11.]

1 At that time Je'sus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were ahungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Phar'isees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what Da'vid did, when he was ahungred, and they that were with him:

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 And behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

REVISED VERSION.

1 At that season Je'sus went on the sabbath day through the cornfields; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck ears of 2 corn, and to eat. But the Phar'isees, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon 3 the sabbath. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what Da'vid did, when he was an 4 hungred, and they that were with him; how he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with 5 him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, 6 and are guiltless? But I say unto you, that 7 one greater than the temple is here. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have con- 8 demned the guiltless. For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

9 And he departed thence, and went into their 10 synagogue: and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? that 11 they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, 12 and lift it out? How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is law- 13 ful to do good on the sabbath day. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, as the other.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 287, New Canadian Hymnal.

Safely through another week,
God has brought us on our way.

No. 288, New Canadian Hymnal.

Oh, day of rest and gladness,
Oh, day of joy and light.

No. 284, New Canadian Hymnal.

Sweet is the work, my God, my King,
To praise thy name, give thanks, and sing.

Time.—In the early summer of A. D. 28, before the preaching of the Sermon on the Mount.
Place.—Not known. **Rulers.**—Pilate, governor of Judea; Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee and Perea.

Home Readings.

M. Jesus and the Sabbath. Matt. 12. 1-13.

Th. The great Healer. Matt. 12. 14-23.

W. The Sabbath a delight. Isa. 58. 8-14.

Th. A day of rest. Jer. 17. 19-27.

F. Sabbath teaching. Acts 13. 42-52.

S. Teaching and healing. Luke 13. 10-17.

S. The Sabbath for man. Mark 2. 23-3. 5.

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